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### 1. INDOCHINA

AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS LAOTIAN GOVT APPEARS UNWILLING SETTLE DIFFERENCES WITH US OVER PL OCCUPATION 2 PROPERTIES, MONTH-LONG DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE ROSEMARY CONWAY. UNIDENTIFIED AMCIT TOURIST ALSO DETAINED PAST 12 DAYS WITHOUT CHARGE AFTER GOING TO POLICE STATION TO COMPLAIN TAXI-DRIVER OVERCHARGED HIM BY 33 CTS (WP).

PRG FONMIN BINH AT PARIS ADMITS ACTS OF "SABOTAGE" SINCE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER, SAYS THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED. ADDS ESSENTIAL TO CHANGE MENTALITY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF FORMER GVN SOLDIERS TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. ON REUNIFICATION, SAYS NEW GOVT MUST FIRST "CONSOLIDATE REVOLUTIONARY POWER," THEN REVITALIZE SVN ECONOMY (NYT). NGUYEN CAO KY, IN CALIF, STATES SVN HAS 12,000-MAN

ARMED RESISTANCE TO NEW GOVT THAT HE WILLING GO BACK TO LEAD. ADDS HE IS READY TO DIE GLORIOUSLY ON BATTLEFIELD (CHITRIB).

NEW SVN GOVT LAYING OUT SPECIAL CEMETARIES FOR THEIR WAR DEAD, COLLECTING BODIES FROM BATTLEFIELD GRAVES FOR REBURIAL (AFP, PHINQ).

PRES FORD TELLS MIA FAMILIES THERE HAVE BEEN CONTACTS WITH NVN IN EFFORT GET ACCOUNTING, ASSURES THEM LINES OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE KEPT OPEN (AP, SUN).

## 2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

GLOBE'S TRAUSCH FINDS CAMBODIAN NAVAL CADETS FROM CLASS OF 20 IN RI WORKING AT MENIAL JOBS, STARTING AT BOTTOM. EMPLOYERS PRAISE THEM FOR WORKING HARD, GETTING ALONG WELL.

NYHAN (GLOBE) REPORTS ADMIN WANTS BRING UP TO 24,000 MORE REFUGEES INTO US, INCLUDING UP TO 5000 LAOTIANS. MOST REFUGEES NOW IN THAILAND, WITH OTHERS IN HK, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, OTHER ASIAN AREAS.

## 4. JAPAN

TRANSMIN KIMURA SAID TUESDAY WILL ALLOW JAL FORM SUBSIDIARY TO OPERATE ON TOKYO-TAIPEI ROUTE BY SEPTEMBER (AP, PHINQ).

WSJ (DETROIT) SAYS BUICK TO BUILD NEW SUB-COMPACT IN US NEXT YEAR, ALSO IMPORT SAME CAR FROM JAPAN. GM DECLINES COMMENT, BUT STORY CONFIRMED BY ISUZU MOTORS WHICH 34-PERCENT OWNED BY GM. GUNSET (CHITRIB) SAYS BUICK PLANS IMPORT ABOUT 3,000 UNITS PER MONTH OF NEW FOUR-CYLINDER, 1800 CC MODEL, CALLED "GEMINI".

CITY OF HIROSHIMA TO ADD NAMES OF 1,724 PERSONS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMORIAL LIST OF 84,803 KNOWN TO HAVE DIED IN A-BOMB BLAST AUG 6, 1945 (WP).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO REPORTS JAPAN SODA INDUSTRY ASSN APPEALED TO MITI TUESDAY TO REJECT DOW CHEMICAL APPLICATION TO MAKE CAUSTIC SODA, OTHER CHEMICALS IN JAPAN. ITI MIN KOMOTO REPORTEDLY TOLD ASSN OFFICIALS COMPLETE STUDY OF DOW PLANS NECESSARY TO MAKE DECISION. DOW BELIEVED PLANNING 720,000 TON CAUSTIC SODA PRODUCTION, THREE TIMES MORE THAN 220,000 ANNUAL OUTPUT OF LARGEST PRODUCER KASHIMA DENKAI.

CULLISON ALSO CITES FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL STUDY THAT

JAPAN'S TRADE JFY 75 WILL FALL SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS,

WITH EXPORTS TALLING NO MORE THAN 62 BILLION DOLS,  
IMPORTS 63 BILLION DOLS. COUNCIL ALSO WARNED GOJ  
TO INCREASE IMPORTS FROM LDCS TO AVOID CRITICISM  
THAT JAPAN EXPORTING ITS RECESSION.

HIGH VOLTAGE ENGINEERING CORP SAID TUESDAY AGREED  
TO SELL 80-PERCENT OWNED SUBSIDIARY TO MINORITY  
JOINT-VENTURE PARTNER SEKISUI CHEMICAL IN OSAKA FOR  
UNDISCLOSED CASH, NOTES (WSJ, BURLINGTON, MASS).

#### 5. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS AND KUKRIT EXPRESS "PRESSING CONCERN" OVER ARMS  
SMUGGLING, POSSIBLY FROM VN WAR, INTO THEIR COUNTRIES.  
MARCOS WARNS SEA PEACE, STABILITY, COULD BE ENDANGERED  
IF WEAPONS USED IN VN FOUND WAY TO INSURGENTS IN AREA  
(AP, PHINQ)

GOP STARTS PAYING ADVANCES ON 4 MILLION DOL PURSES TO  
MUHAMMAD ALI, JOE FRAZIER FOR OCT 1 FIGHT IN MANILA  
(REUTER, MANILA).

#### 6. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA SELLS 750,000 TONS WHEAT TO USSR FOR 100  
MILLION AUSSIE DOLS, TO BE SHIPPED FROM SEPT TO MAY  
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(WSTAR 7/22).

GOA ACCEPTS PROPOSED US-SPONSORED NAVIGATIONAL  
TRANSMITTER TO BE LOCATED IN SE. LEFTISTS CLAIMED  
IT MIGHT BE USED SEND SIGNALS TO MISSILE SUBS, SO  
WOULD BE POTENTIAL TARGET THAT MIGHT INVOLVE COUNTRY  
IN NUCLEAR WAR (MILLAR, CSM).

#### 7. PACIFIC ISLANDS

HOUSE APPROVES MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH, SENDS MEASURE TO  
SENATE WHERE EXPECTED TO PASS (AP, NYT).

UK JUDGE JOURNEYS OCEAN ISLAND, BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, FIJI,  
TO DETERMINE 1500 RESIDENTS' CLAIM HMG PAY FOR REPLANTING  
ISLAND, GIVE 48 MILLION DOLS DAMAGES FOR EXPLOITATION  
PHOSPHATE RESERVES (HILL, SUN).

#### 8. HONG KONG

LIFE OF US CONGEN CROSS THREATENED IN ANON PHONE CALL'  
POLICE FIND 4 PISTOL BULLETS IN RESIDENCE DRIVEWAY,

UNSURE WHETHER CONNECTED WITH THREAT (WSTAR 7/22).

9. CHINA

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APOLLO ASTRONAUTS PHOTOGRAPH GOBI DESERT -- DESPITE DOS REQUESTS FOR NO PHOTOS, BECAUSE PRC DOES SOME MISSILE, NUKE WEAPON TESTING THERE. ASTRONAUTS CLAIM PHOTOS TAKEN ONLY BECAUSE UNUSUAL SAND DUNES SPOTTED; SAY AREA PHOTOGRAPHED FAR FROM ANY TESTING SITES (O'TOOLE, WP).

STATISTICS ANNOUNCING PRC'S INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE CLAIM OIL PRODUCTION UP 24 PCT, CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES UP 32 PCT, RECORD HIGH SUMMER HARVEST (AP, WP, NYDN). BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS ANALYSTS HAVE GROWN CYNICAL OVER SUCH STATISTICS: "THE CAREFULLY CHOSEN FACT, THE SUBTLE OMISSION, FIGURES EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGES INSTEAD OF NUMERICAL TOTALS" ALL SUGGEST LESS IMPROVEMENT THAN PEKING WOULD LIKE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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NYT CARRIES PHOTO ANCIENT BODY, BURIED 167 BC, RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN PRC.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

JOC'S STRAUSS IN HK DESCRIBES CAUTIOUS NATIONALIZATION MOVES IN SVN; NOTES JAPANESE, FRENCH FIRMS INTACT AND REGIME HAS STRONG INTEREST IN TRADE. ADDS SEVERAL BROADCASTS MENTION PROBLEM OF FEEDING POPULATION. SEES SVN GOVT AS MUCH MORE PRAGMATIC THAN NEW CAMBODIAN REGIME. MENTIONS REACTION TO REFUGEE EMIGRATION DELAYED, WITH HANOI RADIO RECENTLY SAYING THEY ARE EXPLOITED AS CHEAP LABOR, BEING TURNED INTO "MERCENARIES OF US IMPERIALISM."

11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

LAT (7/22) NOTES BILL INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS PROVIDES FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH CONCENTRATION REFUGEE CHILDREN. HOPES NEW IATF STRATEGY TO SPREAD REFUGEES WORKS SINCE UNJUST RESETTLE MANY IN FEW PLACES. ADDS RESETTLEMENT REMAINS USG RESPONSIBILITY.

WP PRINTS 3 LTRS CONCERNING QUINN ARTICLE ON GAETANA ENDERS. ONE READER WONDERS IF POINT WAS TO RIDICULE MRS. ENDERS OR EMPHASIZE REFUGEE NEEDS. ANOTHER CALLS MRS. ENDERS' SENTIMENTS SAME AS "UGLY AMERICANS'."

REV CHARLEBOIS OF CRS WHO WORKED IN CAMBODIA DEFENDS

MRS. ENDERS FOR GOOD WORK AMONG REFUGEES THERE (IN  
USIA WIRELESS FILE).

12. JAPAN

WP EDIT WELCOMES REPORT JAPAN PLANS GIVE US THREE MILLION  
DOL BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO COMPLETE ROOF-TOP THEATER  
AT KENNEDY CENTER. SAYS SHOULD BE "GRATEFULLY RECEIVED"  
BY AMERICANS, CAPITAL RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR, AND  
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NEW THEATER, LIKE TIDAL BASIN CHERRY BLOSSOMS, COULD  
SURELY BECOME MATTER OF NATIONAL PRIDE (USIA WIRELESS  
FILE).

CHITRIB'S YATES IN TOKYO STATES MIKI IN TROUBLE ON  
EVE OF WASHINGTON VISIT. INITIAL SUCCESS IN CURBING  
DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, HELPING LDP WIN IMPORTANT  
LOCAL ELECTIONS IN APRIL SHORT-LIVED, AND HE NOW ACCUSED  
OF BEING VAGUE, INDECISIVE BY OWN PARTY AND OPPOSITION  
SUMMIT TALKS WITH PRES FORD AUG 4-5 MAY SEEM AFFORD  
SOME RELIEF, BUT EVEN THIS SHAPING UP AS POLITICAL  
TEST AS WASHINGTON PRESSES TOKYO ASSUME MORE ACTIVE  
FE SECURITY ROLE. ALSO NOTES JAPAN FAILED RATIFY NPT,  
THAT US SUPPORTS VIGOROUSLY. CITES ONE LDP MEMBER  
SAYING IF MIKI FAILS PUSH THROUGH KEY BILLS AT DIET SESSION  
PROMISED IN SEPTEMBER, "JAPAN MAY HAVE NEW PREMIER  
IN OCTOBER."

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO DESCRIBES CONTROVERSY -- CAUSED  
BY RETURN OF MANY US BASES -- INVOLVING LOCAL GOVT,  
BIG BUSINESS, GROWING SDF, OVER HOW USE NEW VALUABLE  
ACREAGE AS US REDUCES MILITARY PROFILE. SAYS ONE OF  
BIGGEST BASES BEING RETURNED IS 1,400 ACRE TACHIKAWA  
AB, IN CENTER OF CROWDED TOKYO SUBURB, WHERE DOWNTOWN  
COMMERCIAL LAND SELLS FOR AROUND 10 MILLION DOLS PER  
ACRE. CITIZENS WANT LAST REMAINING OPEN LAND AS PARK,  
BUSINESSMEN HOPE FOR SHOPPING CENTER, AND SDF TRIES  
KEEP FOR DEFENSE USE.

13. MARIANAS

IN NYT LETTER, AMB HAYDN WILLIAMS (PRES' PERSONAL REP FOR  
MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS), REFUTES  
RECENT NYT EDIT CLAIMING CONGRESS NOT PROPERLY CON-  
SULTED ON MARIANAS ANNEXATION QUESTION. STATES ADMIN  
HAD NO INTENT MAKE MARIANAS DECISION ALONE; ALSO CITES

ISLANDS NOT SINGLED OUT "FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT," AS  
MARIANAS' POPULATION, LEADERS HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE  
THEIR "STRONGLY HELD DESIRES" FOR POLITICAL UNION WITH  
US KNOWN TO MICRONESIAN CONGRESS, US CONGRESS, AND UN.

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14. GENERAL

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY STATE DEPT'S HANDLING OF OPIUM TRAFFICKING MOSTLY APATHETIC. STATE SOME AMBS STILL DON'T BELIEVE ASIAN HEROIN EVER ENTERED US, THOUGH MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS IN LAOS, THAILAND, BURMA CONTINUALLY MAKE SHIPMENTS. ALSO CLAIM STATE UPSET OVER CONFLICTING ANTI-DRUG TACTICS WITHIN VARIOUS GOVT AGENCIES.

BRINES (CSM) BELIEVES 3RD WORLD'S ASIAN COUNTRIES NOW FORCED TO PLACATE PEKING AND HANOI, THOUGH THOSE COUNTRIES' LEADERS MAY PERSONALLY FAVOR ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND. STATES MASSIVE POWER BALANCE SHIFT CREATED MAINLY BY "POWER POLITICS" INTERPLAY, WHERE "NEITHER PERSONAL CONVICTIONS NOR 'AMERICAN MISTAKES'" WAS SIGNIFICANT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER

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